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Let a fool hold his tongue and he will pass for a sage.—Publius Syrus (42 B. C.)

AN INTOLERABLE ATTITUDE

Mayor Fern's attitude toward the Honolulu civil service commission has come to the point where it is intolerable. It has passed being merely ridiculous, even passed petty irritation. Under the law of the last legislature the mayor must do one of three things:

1—He must allow the present personnel of the commission to stand unchanged. 2—He must reappoint the commissioners. 3—He must make new appointments to the commission.

Under the interpretation of Deputy City Attorney Weaver the mayor cannot even allow the commission to stand unchanged. He must reappoint the members or name new ones.

The statute of 1913, creating the commission, says:

"It shall be the duty of the mayor of the city and county of Honolulu on or before the first day of January in every year to appoint, with the approval of the board of supervisors, a board of police and fire commissioners, to be known as the Honolulu Civil Service Commission."

The mayor named six months ago the commission which has since been serving. Shortly before the close of 1913, the question arose as to whether new appointments must be made before January 1, 1914, or whether the present board could serve out a full year in office—a year's term being implied by the language of the act. The mayor sought official legal advice from Deputy Attorney Weaver, who replied in part as follows:

"Act 51 is not clear in the matter. I am of the opinion that a study of the act, and the date of its going into effect (April 4, 1913), shows at least an intention to provide for the appointment of commissioners on January 1 of each year. The power is given to make the appointment before, if convenient. I do not think that an appointment to serve, made immediately after the act was passed, in any way extends beyond or into the term of the next appointment on January 1 of each year."

"The act does not state expressly what the term shall be, nor how the interval from April 4, 1913, to January 1, 1914, shall be provided for. That interval is passed. There is no question of that. I think there is an implication that the term is one year to commence January 1 of each year."

The act thus makes it obligatory on the mayor to name a new commission each year and the city's legal adviser holds that the appointments should be made on or before January 1 of each year.

What is Mayor Fern's attitude?

In the first place, he has neither named a new commission nor stated that he will allow the present commission to stand, though he has let it be known that he is dissatisfied with the commission he himself named six months ago.

In the second place, he has given anything but a clear-cut reply to questions as to what he is going to do. On January 3 he said that the old commission had gone out of existence and he did not intend to name a new one—that the commission had spent a thousand dollars and not been worth the money. On January 6 when a supervisor asked him as to his intentions regarding the board, he gave an equivocal reply which meant nothing.

The people of Honolulu have a right to know where their mayor stands on questions of this kind. It is not a matter for future speculation. January 1 has come and gone and the mayor has not lived up to the plain provisions of the law as interpreted by the city's adviser.

Mayor Fern is not authorized to pass upon whether or not the commission has been a good thing for Honolulu. That question does not affect his plain duty one way or the other. The Star-Bulletin feels now, as it has said before, that the commission has done good work and has laid the ground-plan for much more good work. But even if it had done bad work it would not be proper for the mayor to discontinue the commission. It would be his duty to change its membership.

The deputy attorney holds that the present commission has no real powers after January 1. It is necessary for the mayor to take some kind of action.

What he should do is plain. He should reappoint the present commissioners or name new members of the board.

Otherwise he is derelict in his sworn duty.

What are you going to do, Mr. Mayor?

Permanent paving and a permanent mayor are rather difficult to achieve simultaneously.

Carranza very likely refused that offer because he saw the sack in Cossack.

MAYORALTY MUSINGS

Who will be the men to come forward during the next few months as candidates for mayor of Honolulu.

The office of mayor of this city in a great many respects is quite as important as that of governor of the territory. Tremendous opportunity for good lies in the mayoralty if it is filled by a man of intelligence and energy, a man who knows Honolulu's larger needs and has ambition to measure up to them.

Mayor Fern will probably be a candidate to succeed himself. Who will run against him?

Judge Archie S. Mahaulu of Waiialua might be just the man to contest the election with Joe Fern. What about it?

MARKET REPORTS

General appreciation has followed the publication on Monday afternoon of market reports collected and reduced to practical form by the United States experiment station here. The Star-Bulletin will publish these reports, with the cooperation of the federal station, as often as experience shows is desirable.

Dr. E. V. Wilcox, director of the experiment station, is steadily broadening the scope of its work and making it of greater and greater value to the people. Honolulu lacks the market reports of mainland cities where commission merchants and public markets maintain available statistics. Information on the state of the market is important not only to the small farmer, the poultryman, the producer who must depend on that market for the disposal of his goods, but to the consumer, to the housewife, the hotel man, the retailer. The Star-Bulletin publishes these reports in line with its idea of serving the people in every worthy and practicable way.

HONOLULU'S CHURCHES ADVERTISING

The church of today is progressive, or it loses its place as the church of today.

Evidence of modern alertness to the needs of the men and women of the twentieth century is that the churches of Honolulu have begun systematic advertising in the columns of the daily papers.

Some weeks ago this paper told of the experiences of the churches of St. Louis. Their first trial of systematic advertising resulted in immediate gain in attendance and in the reaching of men and women never before reached. They won their campaign because it was handled in a manner that attracts the attention of the business-like American.

Honolulu's churches are handling their advertising in a manner that the American appreciates. It is under the joint direction of the Inter-church Federation and the Religious Work Committee of the Y. M. C. A.

Supervisor Sam Kauhane of Hawaii county is attacking the press because it criticized the Hawaii county fathers who voted against completing the graft investigation. A favorite habit of public officials when attention is drawn to their weakness, corruption or incompetence is to "roast the papers." Inasmuch as Supervisor Kauhane's speeches don't hurt the papers any, there is no reason why he should not continue his course if he derives any amusement from it.

Here's a hint to the supervisors: "I hesitate to drive a car on the streets of Honolulu after any kind of a rain, light or heavy," said a tourist yesterday, "because the invariable scum of mud on the paving makes it almost impossible to keep the car from skidding on the turns. Accidents are bound to happen on streets in such condition as these of Honolulu."

Gen. Pancho Villa has seized a bride—unless by a typographical error "d" has been substituted for "b" or a "g" omitted.

Honolulu—the cleanest—brightest—most healthful and progressive city on the Pacific. Why not?

The dust nuisance and the mud nuisance are twin brothers, and neither is necessary in Honolulu.

An American with a sense of humor wouldn't imperil his life for Ojinaga.

Adding is about the easiest thing the Ad Club does.

Letters or TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

NUMBERING OF PIERS IN HONOLULU

Territory of Hawaii, Board of Harbor Commissioners, Honolulu, T. H., January 7, 1914.

Sir: Tourists and new-comers have at times been put to considerable inconvenience in trying to locate wharves and piers in this city by depending upon their memories of the names for the same.

The board of harbor commissioners, after careful consideration, has decided that in order to facilitate the rapid dissemination of information and the locating of outgoing and incoming ships by those seeking the same, that the designation of piers by numbers (rather than names) would simplify this matter. Therefore, we have allotted the following numbers to each of the piers as shown by the inclosed table.

All wharves and piers will, in the future, be so designated by this commission; and we would request that you assist us in advertising this fact. The pier sheds will bear large white numbers so that the chance of making mistakes will be reduced to a minimum. Provision has been made, as you will note from the list, for the future extensions now under consideration by this commission, so that a re-arrangement of these numbers will not be necessary.

Thanking you for your kind assistance in this matter, we beg to remain Yours very truly,

BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS.

By its chairman,

J. W. CALDWELL,

LIST OF PIER NUMBERS.

Army Wharf (marine plant)	Pier 1
Channel Wharf	Pier 2
I. I. Coal Wharf	Pier 3
Marine Railway Site (proposed wharf)	Pier 4
Naval Wharf No. 1	Pier 5
Naval Wharf No. 2	Pier 5A
Richards St. Wharf	Pier 6
Alakea St. Wharf	Pier 7
Fort St. Bulkhead Slip	Pier 8
Fort St. Bulkhead Front	Pier 9
Oceanic Wharf	Pier 10
Allen & Robinson Frontage	Pier 11
Brewer Wharf	Pier 12
Nuuanu St. Wharf	Pier 13
Mauna Kea Wharf	Pier 14
Queen St. Bulkhead Wharf	Pier 15
Hackfeld Wharf	Pier 16
Railroad Wharf	Pier 17
Railroad Wharf (mauka)	Pier 18
Railroad Wharf (makai)	Pier 19

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—A. L. C. ATKINSON: Yesterday was one of the greatest days in the history of Honolulu.

—ED TOWSE: My prediction that funds for the Mid-Pacific Carnival would go over \$20,000 are more than realized.

—JOHN EFFINGER: Our team reaped a rich reward in the canvass for Carnival funds made along the waterfront.

—MAYOR J. J. FERN: I did a little stock-selling myself yesterday. I was on one of the committees and they can't say I didn't do my part.

—E. R. HENDRY (U. S. marshal): Will someone kindly tell me who those men, Mr. Green and Mr. Haley, referred to in the recent dispatch from Washington, are?

—DEPUTY SHERIFF ROSE: Well, I got back from the coast in time for considerable excitement. I may have missed a noisy San Francisco New Year, but I will be here for the Carnival.

—JAMES D. DOUGHERTY: I am glad to see the carnival committees getting an early start in their work. Every feature of the celebration will be handled by an experienced body and the success of the undertaking is practically assured.

—PAUL ISENBERG: We ought to be mighty proud of Dr. Norgaard's work here in regard to the dog quarantine. Sixty per cent of the dogs around Oakland are being killed because of rabies. Dr. Norgaard deserves an immense lot of credit for enforcing the quarantine. Rabies is a terribly serious thing, and it is ex-

Personal Mention

A. F. JUDD is on Maui for a few days. He will return next Saturday.

SENATOR JAMES L. COKE has been confined to his home for two days with an attack of la grippe but is reported as improving.

JAMES L. YOUNG, treasurer and manager of the Lord-Young Engineering Company, has left the Pacific Coast on a business trip to Washington, D. C.

DR. T. TSUNASHIMA, pastor of the Tokio Congregational church, will pass through Honolulu in the Chiyo Maru Friday. He is en route to the United States to study American mission work.

VISCOUNTESS CHINDA, wife of the Japanese ambassador to Washington, will visit Honolulu Friday as a passenger on the Chiyo Maru. Mrs. Chinda is en route to Washington, D. C., to join her husband.

FRANK S. BECKER, a prominent attorney of New York state, is visiting the islands. Mr. Becker represents Messrs. Jimpson & Harder of Kinderhook, N. Y., and has gone to Hilo and the volcano for a visit.

MARQUIS J. SAIGO, a member of the Japanese parliament and a captain in the army, will be a through passenger in the steamer Chiyo Maru, due to arrive in Honolulu Friday. Mr. Saigo is a son of the late Admiral Marquis Saigo, who was a prominent Japanese reformer, and a cousin of the Great Saigo.

AUBREY MAKES SMALL DONATION; REITERATES REPORT ON BAD ROADS

A. C. Aubrey, proprietor of the Hotel Aubrey at Hauula, this morning sent to the Honolulu Ad Club a check as his subscription toward the Mid-Pacific Carnival. This check calls for a much smaller amount than Mr. Aubrey has been accustomed to contributing to former pageants, it is said, and he sets forth his reason in a letter which accompanied the check.

The letter follows: "Owing to the 'rotten' condition of the roads out this way, and particularly between here and the Pali, I do not feel like contributing too much at this time as probably if we have very much more rain during this month, it will be as well for me to close this hotel until after the winter."

"During the last two months an extremely bad condition of the roads has stopped many people from coming here. To my knowledge, 45 were booked for here during November and December, but were afraid of the roads which, to say the least, were awful. What is the use of advertising when such conditions are allowed to exist? If there were a good road around this island I venture to state that I could keep this hotel full all the year round and please every tourist who desired to visit Honolulu."

Five passengers were killed and 12 injured in the wreck of a holiday train at Groningen, Netherlands. One of the dead is a son of Premier Cort Van der Linden.

ceedingly fortunate that the disease has been kept out of Hawaii.

—TOM MERLE: The frequent booming of that pirate cannon yesterday must have made cold chills run up and down the chicken-hearted spines of croakers and knockers who have, by direct assertion or innuendo, questioned the soundness of the get-together ability of Hawaii's progressive people.

—W. T. RAWLINS: Plans are afoot in Australia to have four Hawaiian swimmers, accompanied by a trainer and manager, visit that land about next November. Of course Duke will lead the Hawaiian team. It is understood all the expenses are to be paid by the Australians, who are anxious to see Duke in action.

—JOHN F. SOPER: The swimming meet should leave the carnival management with a nice balance on the right side of the ledger. Last June, with only 50 and 25 cent admissions, people were turned away in crowds. The coming meet, with much better seating arrangements, and a dollar admission, should bring in twice that amount.

Buy Diamonds As An Investment

You know, we know, everyone knows—that each year adds to the financial value of diamonds.

New diamond mines have not been discovered in years; there has been a steady advance in the price of diamonds right along; diamonds that you buy now will be must more valuable later on.

We tell you everything about each stone we sell—and stand strongly behind each sale.

WICHMAN & CO.
Jewelers

Such wonderful stories are being told about the importance and value of silos that it is becoming a toss-up to many a man whether he shall build a silo or buy an automobile. The bureau of entomology and the forest service, working together for the control of forest insects last year covered more than 160,000 acres in their operations. Dr. Anna Shaw has refused to pay the income tax law and will fight on the principle of "taxation without representation is tyranny."

Start the New Year Right

BEGIN by laying aside a certain part of your income every week or every month, and putting it where it will grow into a home for yourself and the wife and babies. If you are not married yet it is all the better time to start. Let us show you how to do it.

Trent Trust Co.

Fort, bet. King and Merchant

Vieira Jewelry Company, 113 Hotel St.
Popular Jewelers

Henry Waterhouse Trust Co.,
Limited,

Real Estate for Sale

Building lots near town, on Miller street, \$1300 to \$2000, according to size.

Spreckels Tract lots opposite Oahu College, 100x100, for \$1600.

Acre lots at Fruitvale, Palolo Valley, \$600 per acre.

Kaimuki, Ocean View and Palolo Hill lots, \$400 and up.

Henry Waterhouse Trust Co.
Limited,

Cor. Fort and Merchant Sts. HONOLULU, T. H.

For Rent

Kapiolani St., 3 bedrooms, furnished, \$65
Piikoi St., 3 bedrooms 40
Kalakaua Ave., 4 bedrooms 60
Kalihi, opp. Kam. IV. Rd., 3 bedrooms. 45
Tantalus, 3 bedrooms, furnished 45

Aloha Lane, 2 bedrooms...\$17
Auld Lane, 3 bedrooms... 16
Auld Lane, 3 bedrooms... 16
Pua Lane, 3 bedrooms... 16

Desirable home on Young St. between Artesian and McCully Streets, for \$3250. Lot 75x140. House has 3 bedrooms and is in excellent condition, with gas and electric lights, servants' quarters and chicken yard.

Guardian Trust Co., Ltd.,

205 Bank of Hawaii Bldg.

For Sale